

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ANTHONY DAWAYNE LEE TURNER,)	
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Plaintiff(s),)	No. C 10-5709 CRB (PR)
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v.)	ORDER
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TOM GRAF, et al.,)	(Docket # 69 & 71)
)	
Defendant(s).)	

Plaintiff's motions (docket # 69 & 71) for an order compelling certain discovery are DENIED as premature. The court will not entertain discovery motions unless the parties first comply with the meet-and-confer requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Court's Local Rules. See, e.g., Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a) (motion to compel must include a certification that the movant has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer with the party not making the disclosure in an effort to secure the disclosure without court action); Civ. L. R. 37-1 (same). In view of plaintiff's commitment, the parties may satisfy the meet-and-confer requirements by letter or telephone conversation. Cf. Civil L. R. 1-5(n) ("meet and confer" or "confer" means to communicate directly and discuss in good faith the issue(s); mere sending of a written, electronic or voice-mail communication does not satisfy a requirement to "meet and confer" or to

1 "confer;" requirement can be satisfied only through direct dialogue and
2 discussion – either in a face to face meeting or in a telephone conversation).

3 SO ORDERED.

4 DATED: April 11, 2012



CHARLES R. BREYER
United States District Judge